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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD OF DIAGNOSING NON-ALCOHOLIC STEATOHEPATITIS (NASH) USING MOLECULAR MARKERS," the specification of which is was submitted in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 15, 2005 as U.S. Patent Application No 10/540,212.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability and examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority	Claimed
P200202911 (Number)	Spain (Country)	December 18, 2002 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes yes	no no
PCT/ES03/000635 (Number)	PCT (Country)	<u>December 16, 2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	⊠ yes	☐ no

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made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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